ALEXANDRIA, (Thursday evening,) April 16, 1857

I have heard of the following disasters resulting from the recent wind storm :

Day before yesterday a small vessel, either a schoone or punga, was seen to capsize and go down just above Ragged Point," leaving nothing but her gaff-topsail is This has been seen by several vessels passing up ince, among them the Alice Price, whose officers understood that no lives were lost. I will endeavor to give you more definite information on this point in my next. Yesterday about 10 o'clock, a. m., the schooner Wm. Penn, Captain Le Fevre, bound down empty, capsized in

Vashington's Reach. Her crew were all saved, but they had to abandon the vessel, which went astray. The captain and crew left here this morning in search of her. An empty canal boat broke loose from one of the docks vesterday, and was drifted over upon the Maryland shore.

No arrivals of importance have transpired on the river ince my last, The schooner Arctic, Captain Bent, is to sail for St.

John, N. B., to-morrow morning with wheat and corn from Casenove & Co. to J. R. Dean & Co. The canal boat Ida arrived yesterday from Goose Creek, Londoun county, with corn and flour to Georgetown, taking back goods to-morrow to Leesburg merchants.

Messts. Fowle & Co. received a despatch yesterday eve ning from Cumberland, stating that the high water caused w the recent heavy rain has so damaged one of the cribs of dam No. 5 again that navigation on the canal will

have to be delayed two weeks yet.

The dredging machine that I have mentioned as being here to clean out the docks commenced operations this morning on the upper side of the upper coal wharf. It is of A. B. Cooley's patent and construction, Philadelphia and works most admirably. It is easily worked by three men, and is said to be capable of removing 1,000 cubic yards per day. At each dip it scoops up about a solid yard of mud and deposites it in the side boat with as much case as a man would take a teaspoonful of tea. It has been brought on here by the Alexandria coal companies for the purpose of cleaning out their docks; after which it will go into the service of the Canal Company and the city corporation; and then, if any of your Washington or Georgetown folks want any cleaning out docks, or dredging of channels, or anything of that kind. done with "neatness and despatch," it will probably be at their service, and they will probably never have a better opportunity of accomplishing their desires. Applica-tion can be made to Messrs. Fowle & Co., or any of the Alexandria coal companies.

The supply of fish to-day, as was expected, has been very small hardly a fish apiece, as the saying is. The prices, of course, remain up. Shad, \$14 to \$15; her-York river oysters, 75 cents to \$1 per ushel The James Guy took about a hundred tubs of fish up to Washington this morning, being much mor than it was expected yesterday would arrive.

There have been no transactions at the Corn Exchange to-day. Flour has been in demand, but none offering. Straight brands would probably bring \$6. No wheat of

The Secretary of the Interior yesterday appointed 10 o'clock to-day to confer with the Alexandria delegation on the subject of the Long Bridge, and they accordingly went up again this morning on the 9 o'clock Page.

The city councils here met on Tuesday evening last The board of aldermen, among other things, passed a resolution changing the time of taking the popular vote on the subject of the Washington and Alexandria railroad being allowed to pass through the city from the 4th Thursday in May to Thursday, the 29th of April instant This resolution was negatived by the common council.
The councils meet again this evening, when it is expected that the commoners will reconsider their non-concur

Proposals for building an edifice for the Grace Church congregation are now invited by Mr. Wm. B. Price, who will furnish specifications, &c., to applicants.

The Winchester Presbytery commenced their session here last evening. They intend to hold meetings every afternoon and evening during the week. Mrs. Brooks removed this morning from her late resi-

dence on Fairfax street here, to Washington city, to re side with her son. Number eight of the course of Alexandria Library lee

tures will be delivered at Lyceum Hall on Monday evening next, at 7% o'clock, by Richard M. Smith, esq. Subject: Benjamin Franklin. Dr. Richard C. Ambler, of Markham station, Fanquiet

county, advertises a tract of copper land for sale in

Mr. Edgar Snowden, editor of the Alexandria Gazette was nominated for Congress by the convention of "Amer icans, whigs, and others" that met at the Culpepe Court-house vesterday. VIRGINIUS

INTERESTING LETTER FROM PARIS.

[Correspondence of the N. Y. Journal of Commerce.] Pagis, March 26, 1857. Last week the Minister of State, M. Fould, an Israelite clipsed his colleagues by a fancy ball, the most elaborate sumptuous, picturesque, and dazzling recorded this century. Emperor and Empress appeared in dominos, and did not retire until 3 o'clock in the morning. The supper-table, of 400 covers, was successively enjoyed. Na poleon III continues to combine amusement with busi ness in a wonderful way, for it is certain that he takes cognizance of every important affair of foreign policy or

There are fresh rumors of a visit of the Pope to this capital in May or June. The General Society of Roman Railroads figures in the journals of this morning with a prospectus of nearly two columns. The Duke of Rian zares, husband of Queen Christing, is at the head of the council of directors; M. Mires is the banker and one of the council; the social capital is a hundred and seventy five millions of francs, divided into 170,000 at 500 france each, and bonds to the amount of ninety millions. The

Pontifical States will be traversed in every direction. M. de Lesseps, the indefatigable undertaker of the mar time canal across the 1sthmus of Suez, has just returned from Egypt to Paris, nothing discouraged by the systematic opposition of Lord Stratford de Redeliffe and the Palmerston ministry. The Viceroy of Egypt abets him with correspondent zeal. Our Academy of Sciences appointed a committee of five, specially competent, to examine the various memoirs which M. de Lesseps had submitted to the body. Their report, prepared by Baron Charles Dupin, occupies, in two parts, six or seven columns of the Monitour; it is a complete and most instructive disquisition in favor of the project, and has been

unanimously adopted by the Academy.

The Moniteur of to-day announces that the conference for the regulation of the Neufchatel question held its fourth sitting vesterday, and that the plenipotentiary of the Swiss confederation attended. A pacific adjustment is certain, but it is not probable that either party will be satisfied. The grand council of the Canton of Neufchatel prepared to grant an amnesty to all political culprits, and the King of Prussia supplies the royalist exiles with money enough for their comfortable subsistence. The whole Austrian legation has been withdrawn from Turin, but the Austrian government will keep open peaceful communications, and disclaims all design or desire of war. It has addressed a second note to the court of Tu-

Victor-Emmanuel will marry the Grand Duchess, who attends the Empress-mother at Nice. His birthday was celebrated by them as if he had become of the family.

You may have remarked the affair of the British steamer Kangaroo, at Constantinople, which the journals sup-posed might embroil England or the Porte with Russia. The steamer carried—as did other English vessels—men, arms, and treasure to the Circassians, and brought slaves, fuir Circassians, as return cargoes. You may have learnt from the well-informed correspondent at Constantinople of the London Morning Post that the traffic has not ceased to be active and prosperous. The commander of the Kan-garoo alleged that he had received on board, on the Ciran coast, a certain number of passengers, who separately contracted to pay his usual charge, but he kne not who or what they were. It seems that the slave dealers, instead of bargaining with the foreign captains for lots of their recruits, resorted to the expedient of causing an individual arrangement. The British envoy, Lord de Redcliffe, would not consent to be a dupe, but has energetically interfered. The Circassian beauties of the serag tio and of the harems of the Turkish magnates are nu nerous, and hold free and frequent intercourse with each other; they naturally sympathized with their countrymen contending with Russia; they concerted a large and common contribution of jewels and cash, which was conveyed with the clandestine reinforcements of troops and materiel. The fact grew notorious, but direct proof could not be obtained, because the harems are sacred and inaccessible. Lord Palmerston's address to his constituent s translated for all our journals, and the incisive speeches of Cobden and Roebuck are not overlooked. Where die the British Premier get his syntax? His diction in the address is not better than was that of Lord Castlereagh in his oratory in the House of Commons. The French care little for the issue of the elections in the United Kingdom.

For the Union The regulations of the navy provide that ships-of-the ine be named after States, frigates after rivers, and doops-of-war after towns. We would suggest that one of the fine new steam sloops-of-war be called the Laneaster, after one of the oldest and most populous towns in the Union, the native place of Robert Fulton, the inventor of steamships, and as the home of the President

### DEPARTMENT NEWS

STATE DEPARTMENT.

Feankfort Banks.—The following communication, dated at Frankfort, March 19, 1857, gives an interesting acount of banking in that place:

"The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Frank "The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Frankfort Bank took place yesterday. Great expectations had
been entertained as to results of this meeting. Although
it had been cited as a 'model institution,' it was known
that the directors would propose various amendments of
its charter, especially as to the paragraph which requires
25 per cent. of net revenue to be deposited as a reserve
fund, and also of that which limits the issue of small
notes (5 florins and 10 florins) to the amount of 500,000
florins. And it was further said that propositions on the
part of several shareholders were to be brought forward
concerning the establishment of branches, and in favor of
greater liberality in granting advances. But all these
expectations were disappointed; a proposition to modify
the charter cannot be entertained unless half the amount of
all the shares is represented; and the number represented all the shares is represented; and the number represented at the meeting yesterday was only 4,000, or the fifth of the total number of shareholders of 20,000 shares. The propositions of the directors have, consequently, been postponed to a future meeting, and those moved by the stockholders were merely submitted. The directors sta-ted the establishment of agencies was already in the way of execution; but it was necessary to act with great pru-dence, for fear of awakening the attention of foreign gov-ernments, and bringing out prohibitory measures against the circulation of Frankfort bank-notes, after the example given by Bayaria

cerning the business of the Frankfort Bank during the last year: the whole transactions of the establishment amounted to 837 millions of florins—about 337 millions more than in 1855; the discounts extended to 23,314 bills, at an average interest of 4 3-10 per cent. The loans bills, at an average interest of 4 3-10 per cent. The loans amounted to the sum of 20 millions of florins; the interest carned on same was 148,000 florins, or about 4 7-10 per cent. of the capital employed. The operations in bills on foreign places embraced 20,000,000, and the carnings 88,000 florins. The business with foreign bankers was 18,000,000 florins; the carnings, 40,000 florins. The deposites amounted to 2,000,000; the expense of the Bank notes, &c., amounted to 62,000 florins; the expense of the carning of the carni

penses of the administration to 44,000 florins.

"The total amount of earnings was 490,000 florins; the net revenue, 432,000 florins, or nearly 5 per cent. on the capital. Out of this amount, 25 per cent. Is taken for the reserve fund; the remainder, say 324,000 florins, is distributed as a dividend among the stockholders, which gives 164 florins for share of 500 florins. This dividend gives 102 norms for share of 300 norms. This aviacement represents for a share at par an interest of 31 per cent. but at the actual price of 110 per cent, less than 3 per cent. This result has not been found satisfactory by the stockholders, and quotations, which a few months ago were 120, and at the beginning of this month 184, have receded to 110. It may be mentioned, however, that the small amount of dividend is ascribed by the directors in their report to the sacrifices the bank was constrained to make in obtaining specie during the monetary crisis of the

past year.
"I have entered into these particulars because the ock institutions in Germany, and also to show that, stock institutions in Germany, and also to show that, with the most skilful management, banking is far less profitable here than in the United States; but it is undoubtedly more sure and cautious. There is a saying about the Frankfort Bank which appears to be very correct in that it is easily interesting to the test to be supported by the same of the s rect, in that it is a good institution for lodging, but not for boarding-that is, that it is good to sleep by, but not for boarding—that is, that it is good to steep by, but not to eat by; or, in other words, it is safe and sure, but not profitable. Those interested in it may sleep sure, but their income will be small in proportion."

Wreck. - Information has been received from the United States consul-general in Cuba, A. K. Blythe, esq., of the loss, on the 20th inst., of the American schooner Traveller, of New Haven, Charles Post, master, which sailed from Mobile on the 14th ult., with lumber, provisions, and naval stores, bound to Trujillo, in Honduras. The vessel was wrecked on the Galera reef, on the northwest coast of Cuba. The master, crew, and two passengers (ten persons in all) succeeded, after great difficulty, in landing upon a desolate place; on the next day they were taken by the Spanish coasting schooner "Gen. Concha, commanded by Don Clemente Acosta, master, and landed after a passage of seven days, at Batabano, whence they

Information has also been received, under date of March 15th from E. B. Narache, the United States consul at Port of Spain, in the island of Trinidad, that " the export duty on the produce of the island was abolished on the 1st of January last."

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT. Connecticut Wine .- The Commissioner of Patents has received an interesting description of the cultivation of wine in Connecticut from the native grape, from Messrs. S. D. & L. B. Case, of Canton Centre, of which we copy as

"Agreeably to your request, we communicate to you a brief history of our experience in manufacturing wine We also accompany this with the most substantial evi-dence of the practicability of making a good wine for do dence of the practicability of making a good wine for do-mestic and medicinal use, and that the soil of Connecti-cut is not uncongenial to the growth of the vine; that, indeed, notwithstanding the severity of our climate, there is dispersed over our State several species of native grape, from which a wine can be manufactured as good, if not better than any imported into the country.

"About six or eight years since we were led, from mo-tions of conjects to determine artifacturile for complex

"About six or eight years since we were led, from motives of curiosity, to determine sati factorily for ourselves the fact, whether a palatable winc could not be made from the native for recalling the charge d'affaires in Piedmont are adduced in detail. The Sardinian councils are charged with the intent of conquering by revolutionizing Italy. Lord Palmerston, as well as Louis Napoleon, is said to disapprove of the manifestations of extreme enmity to the Austrian dominion in the peninsula, which have been multiplied of late by the Sardinian cubinet, legislature, and press. The Austrian and Sardinian rulers may scold, apd turn their backs on each other, but they will be kept from blows by France and Great Britain. The British cabinet, according to ryport, has berome jealous of the approximation and blandishments between the Russian and Sardinian sovereignties. It is thought that King

"Our process is first to gather the fruit when fully ripe, "Our process is first to gather the fruit when fully ripe, remove all the particles or stems, and also all that are defective, using only such as are sound and free from disease. We then pass the grapes thus culled through the crusher, by which the pulp of the fruit and the article which contains the aroma and coloring matter are completely mixed. We then press out the judic, and add from one and a half to two and a half pounds of sugar to the gallon, according to the quality of the fruit, fill our casks, and place them in the cellar. When first past the height of fermentation we rack off the must and put into new or clean casks, stop close, and place in a moderately cool and dry location, which in our opinion is the best adapted for the purpose.

apted for the purpose.
We never add any alcohol to our wine, nor do we find it necessary, either to give it strength or to preserve it from acctous fermentation."

Several specimens of wine accompanied this commun ation, of which the following description is given:

"The No. 1 which we send you is made from a grape indigenous to our State, nearly resembling the foreign species called the black Hamburg. The vine is hardy, bears our severe winters without injury, and is a good beaver. The fruit is large and fair, and free from defect than any kind that can be cultivated with us. It is of a deep black color, and covered with bluish pollen of a strong though agreeable around. In our opinion it is the trong though agreeable aroma. In our opinion it is the est variety that can be cultivated in our climate for ma best variety that can be cultivated in our climate for making wine, far exceeding the Catawba or Isabella. From its excellent qualities and the rich, luscious juice which it furnishes 'to gladden the heart of man,' we call it the Harrison grape, after the late President of that name.

"The No. 2 is made of mixed varieties of the native grape, and is preferred by physicians, in those cases where wine is necessary, to any in the market. It has more age than No. 1.

"The No. 3 is made of a beautiful native species of the white grane, which, from its clear and neat agreement.

white grape, which, from its clear and neat appearance while hanging on the vine, we call the crystal grape. It makes an admirable ladies' wine, for which this variety seems to be peculiarly adapted.

"The other specimens are of a more promiscuous composition of different varieties of the native grape."

In conclusion, these gentlemen state that, from their equaintance with the different qualities of domestic wines, they unhesitatingly give their preference for the native grape over any exotic that can be produced in their climate. In their opinion, no grape could be found that would make a stronger, better flavored, or more palatable wine, if properly manufactured, than some of the native varieties of Connecticut.

Official Interview. - A delegation of Alexandrians waited upon the Secretary of the Interior yesterday morning to consult with him in relation to the Long Bridge. We understand that no definite conclusion was arrived at, but that the question will undoubtedly be decided at an early

tion at the General Land Office, that the quantity of land granted recently by Congress for railroad purposes in the Territory of Minnesota is estimated to cover 4,416,000

Penalties of Receivers of Public Moneys, -We learn that the President of the United States has fixed the penaltic on the bonds of the new receivers of public moneys in the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska at \$50,000 in each

Bonds of Land Officers .- We understand that the bonds of the new land officers in the Territory of Kansas are being received at the General Land Office and undergoing the necessary examination preparatory to their approval

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

The Sub-marine Cuble. - The United States steamer Mi issippi, having been selected as a part of the East India quadron, will not accompany the United States steame jagara to England, whence the American and Britis ressels will proceed to the Atlantic for the purpose of lay ing down the sub-marine cable, as was formerly intended but the Germantown, at present in the Mediterraneau has been ordered to perform that service.

THE THE IN BALTIMORE. - From further particulars of the devastating fire which raged in Baltimore on Tuesday night, it appears that the estimated loss is \$402,800 which \$267,300 is covered by insurances effected in that city, Philadelphia, New York, Hartford, and London. Most of the buildings were high, the streets were narrow, and the suffocating volumes of smoke which poured forth from the burning warehouses kept the fireacn at bay. One by one the walls of the burned ware nouses fell in with a tremendous crash, and the next morning it was discovered that several persons were missing, and probably buried beneath the ruins. The search for the bodies of these persons was attended with considerable danger, and is thus graphically described by the Baltimore American of yesterday :

"The ruins were still hot, making the handling of the bricks and timber unpleasant, whilst clouds of smoke and occasional outbreaks of flame interfered with the progress of the work. Water was thrown on at intervals, and when the area in which the search was making had been well drenched operations would be again resumed. greatest danger was, however, from the tottering walls, which, swayed by the high wind, threatened momenta-rily to fall. To have thrown them down would greatly accumulate the mass of rubbish to be removed, and they were therefore left standing. Notwithstanding this dar ger, the parties engaged in the search worked steadil and perseveringly, surrounded by a crowd which not ever the efforts of the police and the peril of their position could keep back. At one time a warning cry was raised and the adventurous crowd had barely time to escape to a safe position, when a large portion of the front and par-tition walls of the stores on Lombard street fell crashing to the ground. The successive removal of the blackened, charred, and mutilated remains were epochs in the day of sight-seeing, all pressing eagerly forward to gain a glance at what could not be viewed without a thrill of

The search on Wednesday resulted in the finding of th emains of seven persons, burnt, crushed, and mutilated almost out of all resemblance to humanity. The near relatives of some of them could only recognise the corpses by some article of jewelry or dress.

COOLIES.-The intelligent Havana correspondent of the harleston Standard writes under date of April 10:

"We have received since my last advices five cargoe of Asiatics, in number 1,822, and reported perished on the way, 352; the whole number, from my notes, since the 10th of April, 1855, being 10,534, and of acknowledged deaths in the process of transportation, 1,789—making 12,323 taken on board at Swatoa, Amoa, &c. In 1854–'5. previous to my taking particular notice of this branch our trade, we had received something over four thousa 'colonists' from Asia. The recent arrivals have not di-minished the value of the property."

BARRAROUS SPORT. - A four-mile race took place at Cullahooche, Georgia, on the 3d instant. The entries were Charleston, Frankfort, and Sue Washington. This is the

Frankfort- 3 1 2 2 Charleston 1 2 3 dr. Time: 7.39, 7.40, 8, 8.15½.

Frankfort died in five hours after the race, having been INDIAN EXCITEMENT IN MINNESOTA. - A St. Paul (Min-

"We learn from Hon. Mr. Baasen, who arrived yesterday from below, that great excitement prevailed at Wa-bashaw, in consequence of the distribution of the scrip to the half-breeds. It seems that Gen. Shields, the com-

esota) paper of the 27th ult. says:

missioner appointed to dispose of the scrip, in company with Hon. E. Washburne, was present, and that as soon as the scrip was given to the half-breeds, they desired the settlers to vacate the premises, and on their refusing to do so, it was apprehended that a bloody time would follow. Great excitement prevailed, but both Shields and Washburne were using their best exertions to prevent

West sends the following account of the operations on the public works there to the Charleston Standard :

mechanics and laborers, to the number of 100. employed upon the United States naval coal depot and Fort Taylor, in command of Major John Sanders, engineer corps, leave this evening for the North, in the steamship been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, a leave this evening for the North, in the steamship been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, a leave this evening for the North, in the steamship been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, a leave this evening for the ministry. Since the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, a leave this evening for the ministry. Since the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, as the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, as the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, as the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, as the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, as the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, as the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, as the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, as the last report, James D. Thomas he been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, as the last report to the last report to

tion. The fortifications at this place have been pushed forward this season with forward this season with extreme vigor, and the walls have gone up like magic. The second tier of casemate arches have been turned, and the towers and hastions completed. The walls of the naval coal depot are ready

completed. The walls of the naval coal depot are ready to receive the truss frames of the roof. The roof will not be built until next December. Active operations at Fort Taylor cease, at this time, for the entire summer and fall. "At Fort Jefferson, Capt. Woodbury is working a large force of masons and laborers, and will continue his operations during the summer. Forts Taylor and Jefferson have appropriations for the next fiscal year to the amount of \$500,000.

of \$500,000.

"The late Congress appropriated the sum of \$30,000 for a custom-house, post office, and court-house at this place. It will be built next winter."

RAILBOAD VERDICT. -In December, 1855, Uriah Paulk, worthy citizen of Alabama, was killed by a collision between two passenger trains upon the Southwestern raiload, near Flint river, in Taylor county. An action for lamages, under the act of 1850, was brought against the company by the legal representatives of Mr. Paulk, and the trial at common law came off last week, and resulted n a verdict for the plaintiff of \$20,000 damages.

## LOCAL NEWS.

STATUARY FOR THE CAPITOL -We find in the Journal, ublished at Symcuse, New York, a detailed description of the design for the east pediment of the Capitol extenon, which has been intrusted to that eminent American artist, Mr. Palmer. It is said that when daguerreotype ictures of some of this gentleman's works were shown Hiram Powers, with the remark, "He has never been broad," that distinguished sculptor replied, "He never eed come!" The account of his design shows that our rtists possess an originality of talent, and a boldness of conception, which only needs encouragement to develope it. It represents a scene at Plymouth, in Massachusetts, the landing of the Puritans. Several of the igures are colossal statues, and upon the marble backround Indians, wolves, trees, &c., are to be executed in as-relief, forming a novel representation of a reality. vithout any "classical" adjuncts:

"The form of the pediment, of course, renders it neces ary that the figures near the ends should be lower than ary that the figures near the ends should be lower than hose in the centre. But this, instead of being a defect, s happily turned into an advantage. While it gives mity and expression to the group, it permits the artist to symbolically arrange his figures in the ascending scale to symbolically arrange ms ngures at or all is the savage of intellectual development. Lowest of all is the savage diffe, typified by the Indian and his dog. Then the dodies, typified by the order of dividiced life are indicated by the life, typified by the Indian and his dog. Then the do-mestic affections of civilized life are indicated by the mother and child. Then the restless spirit of American enterprise by the young man looking eagerly around him. Then the stern energy of early colonial times by the figure of Miles Standish. Lastly, the kneeling form of Rose and the Elder absorbed in prayer typify religion, the crowning glory of our civilization. the crowning gory of our civilization. So, too, on the left of the group, the figures are each expressive of som phase of American life and growth. The energetic hardy worker grasping his axe and the old man with the open Bible need no explanation."

pastelle, are temporarily on exhibition at the hat store of W. M. S. Hopkins, corner of Sixth street and Pennsyl-

Errorov .- The Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, at its nnual meeting, held on Wednesday evening, elected the following officers, W. W. Corcoran, esq., having first been elected president, and declined: T. U. Walter, president; H. Bradley, C. F. Wood, John P. Pepper, and Charles tered troops, and would endeavor to join Walker by the . Wannall, vice presidents; Thomas Rich, correspondng secretary; J. C. Magruder, recording secretary; Henry Janney, financial secretary; Wm. F. Bayly, treasurer; nan of the board of directors. The institute now numbers 646 senior and 179 junior members, and is in a flourishing condition. The receipts from the exhibition just closed were \$9,010 82.

THE JAMESTOWN CELEBRATION. - The celebration of the fifth semi-centennial anniversary of the landing of the arliest colonists of Virginia, on the 13th of next month. oids fair to be unusually interesting. The first celebraion at this time-hallowed spot was in 1807, when a prayer was offered by the venerable Bishop Madison, ora-tions were delivered by Briscoe G. Baldwin and John Fire Company, were recovered this afternoon. The search Madison, (then students of William and Mary,) and odes were recited by C. K. Blanchard and Leroy Anderson Captain Nestle's company of artillerists, from Norfolk, ired the salutes, and there was a large audience, inclu ling some four hundred ladies.

We learn from the Virginia Sentinel that a first-class teamer, with a band of music, will leave Washington on he evening of Monday, May 11, at 7 o'clock, touching at Alexandria at half-past 7. Returning from Jamestown t will reach Washington Thursday afternoon. The boat vill stop for several hours at Norfolk and Old Point Com-

VOTERS IN WASHINGTON. - The following is a corrected numeration of the voters of the different wards of this Prec'ts, Voters, Prec'ts, Voters, Total,

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Total registered voters8.	51

As each voter has to pay a poll-tax of one dollar for the enefit of public schools, the amount to be collected and pplied for that purpose this year will be \$8.510.

APPOINTED. - Robt. Little, esq., has been appointed by he Secretary of the Navy to officiate as judge advocate of the third court of inquiry, soon to be in session in this

LIGHT THE CITY. - A few months since, several property-holders residing on N street north, between Thirteenth street and Vermont avenue, petitioned the corporation to erect a lamp-post and lamp for them, promising that, if their prayer should be granted, they would light it and keep it in order at their own expense. The petition was granted; and these gentlemen state that, from the trifling expense necessary to keep up this light, and from the heerfulness and safety thus given to this hitherto benighted region, such a plan should be adopted speedily by our citizens who reside without the present range of the

THE DISTRICT PRESBYTERY.—This body continues essions at the Assembly Church, corner of I and Fifth treets. Among other business transacted was the passage of the following preamble and resolutions, introduced and amended by Rev. Dr. Smith:

The questions of the General Assembly in relation to collegiate and theological education having been pre-sented to the consideration of this presbytery, in connex-ion with the inquiries of Rev. T. N. Mills, secretary of education of the society: therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply lament that so few of the

Resolved, That we deeply lament that so few of the young men under our pastoral care are in course of preparation for the Christian ministry.

Resolved, That we, as a preabytery, will direct the attention of our churches, and especially of our young men, to the paramount importance of this subject.

Resolved, That we cordially commend the Delaware College to the favorable consideration of our youth and the churches under our care—both from its location and its course of study—as worthy of our confidence and sup-

Resolved, That the presbytery have heard with ples from trustees of the college present, of the efforts of President Newlin with the legislature of Delaware and in the college within the past winter, and cordially sympa-thize with him in these efforts, and will cheerfully co-operate with him in extending the influence of the col-

The scrinon last evening was preached by Rev. Halsey Dunning, of Baltimore. This presbytery now consists of 14 ministers, 13 churches, and have two licentiates under eir care, and various students now studying for the ministry. Since the last report, James D. Thomas has been licensed as a probationer to preach the Gospel, and the pastoral relations between the Rev. E. J. Newlin and

## BY TELEGRAPH.

Three Days Later from Europe.

New York, April 16.—The Cunard steamship Arabia, om Liverpool on the 4th instant, has arrived off Sandy ook. Her advices are three days later than those by the

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The Bank of England has advanced its rates to 64 per

The sales of cotton in the Liverpool market for the week were 53,000 bales, including 4,000 on speculation, and 4,500 for export. The market was unchanged and closed quiet at the following rates; fair Orleans, 8 d.; middling, do., 9 13-16d.; fair upland, 7 d.; middling, do., 7 9-16d.

The Liverpool breadstuffs market was firm. Wheat was 1d. a 2d. higher. Flour was quiet and steady. Corn

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Consols for money closed at 93\}.

The bullion in the Bank of England had decreased largely, and the notes had decreased nearly £1,000,000. American securities were generally unchanged.

The Emeu, Kangaroo, and Hermann, had arrived out. The Arabia will reach her wharf at about three o'clock

M. T. Baines is the ministerial candidate for Speaker of the House of Commons against Fitzroy.

The revenue returns show a slight increase. FRANCE.

Arrests continue in Paris of conspirators against Napo

SPAIN.

Madrid reports say that the Spanish forces will, under every circumstance, occupy a portion of Mexican territory for the protection of Spanish subjects. Austria has issued a new circular against Sardinia. France and England strongly remonstrate with both to

keep the peace.

Prussia announces a determination to maintain her policy respecting the Danish Duchies, and has ordered her coast defences strengthened.

Russia is concentrating forces at Anapa against the Cir-

The details of the Chinese news confirm previous accounts respecting the report that the Emperor has ordered Yeh to make peace on any terms, but it is still

The American ship Highflyer has been wrecked on the coast of Formosa, the crew murdered, and the ship burned.

Maxwell's Circular quotes corn with a declining ten-

dency; mixed, 30s. 9d; yellow, 31s. 9d. Western canal flour, 26s. a 29s.; Ohio do., 32s. a 33s.; Baltimore and Philadelphia, 28s. a 30s. White wheat, 8s. 6d. a 9s.;

TRENTON, (N. J.,) April 14.—The whole democratic city officers have been elected by three hundred majority. The common council is also democratic.

Arrival of the Tennesses

NEW YORK, April 16 .- The steamship Tennessee has arrived from San Juan, via Aspinwall.

Her intelligence confirms the reported defeat of Lockridge, &c., received via Key West and Charleston. He retreated without striking a blow, destroying all the fortifications below Castillo on his way down the

He subsequently formed a new battalion from the scat-

The Baltimore Fire

Baltimore, April 16.—The search among the ruins of the great fire is still going on. Five bodies have been taken out this morning, and some are still missing. Thus far, thirteen deaths are known with certainty. A Thus far, thritten deaths are known with certainty. A large mass of people throng the scene of the disaster, watching the scene. The remains of Mr. Buckley, one of the directors of the Independent Fire Company, have not yet been found, but he is known to have been in the building when the wall fell.

LATER.—Six bodies have been recovered from the ruins to-day, making in all thirteen. Another of those who ware injured died this afternoon, making the total ways.

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ber of deaths thus far fifteen.

The remains of Buckley, a member of the Independent is still going on.

Chicago, April 14.—A collision occurred at Milwaukee on Friday between two deputy United States marshals and the sheriff of Milwaukee county, relative to the property of Mr. Booth, editor of the Free Democrat. No violence was used on either side, and the sheriff retained the property. The affair is in continuance of the Garland eleve case.

Destructive Fire at Pittsburg.

Privilege, April 14.—A disastrous fire occurred this morning at South Pittsburg. The planing mill of James Millinger was destroyed, together with two million feet of seasoned lumber; also, three adjoining dwellings. Mr. Millinger's loss is estimated at \$80,000.

Fire in Marietta, Georgia.

Augusta, April 15 .- A fire in Marietta, on Tuesday last, destroyed the Howard House, Colonnade Row, the post office, and many stores and warehouses. The loss is stated at \$70,000, on which there is \$30,000 insurance, mostly in northern offices.

Dinner to the Officers of the Merrin

Bosrov, April 15.—The members of the city government here gave a dinner yesterday to the officers of the United States frigate Merrimac. Speeches were made by Mayor Rice, Capt. Pendegrast, and others.

Railroad Opening.

Milwaukee, April 15.—The Milwaukee and Mississippi railroad has been completed to the Mississippi river. An excursion train left Prairie Du Chien this morning. There

is great rejoiding.

Markets. New York, April 16.—Cotton is firm-sales of 1,000 bales. Flour is unchanged and firm; State, \$5 60 a \$5 85; southern, \$6 25 a \$6 50. Wheat is steady—sales of 10,000 bushels; white southern, \$1 61; red, \$1 45. Corn is unsettled and lower—sales of 22,000 bushels; corn is unsettled and lower—sales of 22,000 bilinets; mixed, 71 cents. Pork has advanced; mess, \$23. Beef is steady; repacked Chicago, \$16.25. Lard is unchanged; barrels, 14½ a 14½ cents. Whiskey has advanced; Ohio, 27½ cents. Coffee has advanced ½ cent; Rio, 11½ cents. Sugar has advanced ½ cent; Cuba, 9½ a 10½ cents. Spirits turpentine is firm at 49 cents. Rosin is steady at \$1.80. Rice has advanced ½ cent—sales at 4½ a 5½ cents. Freights are easier.

The citizens of Washington, without distinct Page The CHIZERS of Washington, without distinc-tion of party, sect, or opinion, are invited to attend a public meeting to be held on Monday evening next, April 20, at the Presbyterian church, bit street, between G and H. to consider the plans and caperations of the Young Men's Christian Association. Hymns will be using by the children of the mission schools, and addresses delivered by distin-guished citizens and by Rev. Messar, durkey, Dozgett, and Samson.

DEDICATION.—Emory Chapel, a neat and commotions house of worship, on the plank read, four miles from the city, will be dedicated by appropriate coremonies on next Sabbath Scremon at 14 o'clock by Rey. Dr. Doggeti.

The public are invited to attend.

Bes The First Annual Exhibition of the Washing ton Art Association, comprising pictures, statungy, &c., by the most eminent artists in the United States, with be opened to the public at Mr. Corepray's new building on H street, between 13th and 14th streets, on Saturday morning next, the 7th instant, at 10 o'clock, and will continue open, until further notice, every day between the hours of 10, a. m., and 10, p. m. Tickets of admission may be precured at the door, and at the principal bookstores in the city. Single admission, twenty-five cents. Season tickets, fifty cepts.

NEW NOVELS.—Jane Seton; by James Grant.
Price 50 cents.
Phillip Rollo; by James Grant, author of "The Romance of War." 50

TAYLOR & MAURY'S Ap 17-24

A HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL ACCOUNT A country of the Interface of the United States, showing the foreign commerce of each State, with the aggregate imports from and exports to each foreign unition, from the year 1820 to the year 1850, and thorse, on many commerce of the United States with every important maritime country in the world during the same period; including a review of the progress of American commerce, and a preliminary sketch of the trade of the American colonies. Compiled by J. Smith Homans, ir. For By C. W. BOTELER, Auctioneer.

CIALE OF VERY SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURniture at auction.—On Monday, April 29th, at 10 o'clock, a. m., il sell, at No. 482 12th street, between D and E streets, a large tion of excellent household furniture, consisting in part of—

and set, at No. 482 12th street, between D and E streets, a large ection of excellent household furniture, consisting in part of one superior rosesood planoforts. Large all frame French plate mantel and pier micrors libsewood parfor arm chairs, covered with planch and brocafe! Mahogany pier lables, with marble top Tapestry Brussels, Brussels, and three pig carpets Bossewood pedestal, with marble top Hosavy damask and lace curtains and ornaments Mahogang chairs, mahogang tete-acte sofa, parior clock Whintt elegenes, superior mahogany bookeave (Arved rosewood centre table, with marble top Mahogany ridebaard, with marble top, girendoles fleuseds stair carpeting. Ventitan blinds. Mahogany centre tables, with marble tops. Whint extension diming table, straw matting. Walnut catension diming table, straw matting. Walnut cauge, covered with plush. French China glass and crockery, plated castor and table furniture generally.

generally
Oak dioing room chairs, mahogany hatrack
Hall olicloth, handsone mahogany high-post and French bedstead
Superior curled-hair mattresses and feather beds
Mahogany dressing bureaus, mahogany washislands, with marbi-

tops
Handsome double mahogany wardrobe
Clocko, handsome set of cottage chamber farmiture, consisting of
wardrobe, dressing bureau, with marble top, French bedstead,
table, washstand, with marble top, and four chairs
Walnut wardrobe, walnut dressing bureau, with marble top, walnut washeamds, with narble top
Radiator and other stores
Together with a large collection of useful articles worthy the attention of persons farmishing.
Terms: All sums of and under \$40, cash; over \$40, a credit of sixty
and minety days, for approved endorsed notes, bearing interest.
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NEW YORK HATS.—This day opened another full supply of hats of the spring shape from "Boche." full supply of hats of the spring shape from "Boche."

be the new "potented" flexible hat, nearly as easy to the wearer soft hat, at

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Sales room, Browns' Hotel.

# OFFICIAL.

March 12, 1857.

Notice is hereby given to holders of stock of the loans of the United States, that this department will purchase the same until the 1st day of June next, unless the sum of \$1,500,000 shall be previously obtained, and will pay, in addition to the interest accrued from the date of the last semi-annual dividend of interest thereon, together with one day's additional interest for the money to reach the vendor, the following rates of premium on said stocks:

For the stock of 1842, a premium of 10 per cent.

For the stock of 1847 and 1848, a premium of 16 per cent.; and for the stock of 1850, commonly called Texas Indemnity Stock, a premium of 6 per cent.

of 5 per cent.

Certificates of stock transmitted to the department, under this notice, must be assigned to the United States, by the party duly entitled
to receive the proceeds.

Payment for the stocks so assigned and transmitted will be made by

drafts on the Assistant Treasurers at Boston, New York, or Philadel-phia, at the option of the parties entitled to receive the money, which should be expressed in the letters accompanying the certificates.

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By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.

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VERY EXTENSIVE SALE by catalogue of superior received seven octave Chickering piano forte, elegant city-made cabinet furniture, handsome gilt-frame mirrors, rick sik and dannak curtains, costly oil paintings, velvet and Brussele carpeta, &c.—On Tuesday morning, April 27, at 10 o'clock, and continuing from day to day until the whole is disposed of, I shall sell the superior furniture and effects of the \*Ibbitt House,\* slunded on E street, between 13th and 14th streets, embracing every variety and style of parlor and chamber furniture, bedding, &c.

This extensive establishment embraces some eighty-five parlors and chambers, which have been fitted up in a style unequaled in this city, the furniture all having been made at the best establishments of this city and o'very superior style and finish. We name—
Elegant rosewood Louis quatorze seven-octave piano-forte, by Chickering
Elegant French-plate gilt-frame mantel, pier, and oval mirrors, of various sizes and styles
Handsome oil paintings, pastels, and French engravings in rich gilt frames
Superior rosewood and walnut crimson plush-covered French and tete-a-tete sofas

Superior resewood and walnut crimson plush-covered French and tete-a-tete sofas. Divan, arm, ladies' and parior chairs. Rockers, gothic reception chairs, &c. Suite of rosewood parior furniture, finished in blue and gold bro-catelle, comprising two tete-a-tete sofas, two arm chairs, and four parior chairs. Suites of handsome walnut figured damask-covered parior furnisome walnut figured damask-covered parior furni-ling of two sofas, two arm chairs, rocker, and four

uairs walnut whatnots, etageres, and bookstands, of various Handsome wannit whathols, etageres, and bookstands, of various patterns.

Beautiful marble-top centre, softs, and side-tables, in rosewood, walnut, and mahogany.

Elegant brocatelle, damask, and lace curtains throughout the house, with gilt cornice, cords, tassels, &c., complete.

Rich French china vasses, candelabras, and other manual orna-

ments
Superior velvet, English, Brussels, and three-ply carpets throughout the house out the house
Brussels and Venitian hall and stair carpets
Oil cloth, rugz, stair rods and syes
Splendid rosewood, walnut, and mahogany marble top dres
bureaus and washstands, wardrobes
Jenny Lind and French bedateads Jenny Lind and French bedsteads Fine painted cottage sets, with and without marbles Solid cherry bedsteads, wardrobes, and washstands, of superic

make Painted wardrobes, bedsteads, and washstands mass
Painted wardrobes, begaseses
Superior curled hair mattresses
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Fine feather beds, holsters, and pillows
Very extensive lot of superior blankets, Marseilles quitz, combedspreads, sheeting, bolster, and pillow slips
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superior table cutlery, fire trons
Walnut and mahogany extension, breakfast, card, and aide
tables

mores Superior cak cane-seat diving chairs French china and granite dinner, dessert, and tea service Crystal cut-glass decanters, water-bottles, gobiets, tumblers, and

Crystal cut-grass unconvers, and dish covers the drawest silver the unrest challed dishes, and dish covers leadator, open grate, and air-tight stoves. Together with a general assortment of every article in the house-keeping line.

erms: \$30 and under, cash; over that sum, a credit of 60 and 90 is, for satisfactorily endorsed notes, bearing interest. ALSC—
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At 4 a clock, on Tuesday, the 21st, in front of the premises, one handsome one-horse family carriage, nearly new and built to order by one of the best city manufacturers.

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